



**COBB-VANTRESS**

**COMPREHENSIVE  
GRANDPARENT  
PULLET  
MANAGEMENT  
GUIDE**

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## **Introduction**

This manual was developed by a selected group of CVI GP service techs. It was designed to be used as a guide to the rearing of GP pullets and breeders. Our goal was to compile a guide that is comprehensive yet easy to understand. With any manual, changes will be made periodically. The format was designed to allow for easy revision. This guide was not designed to teach anyone everything they need to know, just to help answer some of the questions about the basics. Our hopes are that this manual will help to mesh the different complexes together, allowing us to "turn the great numbers."

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1. House Clean Out Program

a. Before birds go out

1. Empty feed lines, hoppers and auger lines
2. Raise feed lines after the birds have completely eaten the last days feeding.
3. Water lines should be shut off so that the birds will consume remaining water three hours prior to move. This is important so that they do not freeze during the winter and for bacteria build-up.
4. Check all bait stations and replenish bait as necessary. This is important before removing the birds. Once the birds and litter are out the rodents that may be there will need something to eat and having bait available is key.

b. Loading Crew Arrival

1. The owner/caretaker is responsible for being present when the loading crew arrives so that gates and doors can be unlocked.
2. Raise water lines.

c. After birds go out

1. Check all bait stations at least weekly during clean-out process. This will aid in any rodent issues that may exist.
2. Empty feed bins and leave clean out plate open. Pull out and block open the flex auger shaft at the bottom of feed bins and feed hoppers.
3. Use power blower to remove any feed left in feed tracks.
4. Remove litter.
5. Remove any leftover litter, feathers and debris by scraping, sweeping and power blowing.
6. Sweep and blow off brooders on top and bottom.
7. Blow out space heaters.
8. Blow off/out any thermostats and electrical devices.
9. Remove and dispose of all leftover paper products, as well as any service type documents.
10. Remove any ventilation covers (e.g. light traps on minimum vent doors) to allow for proper cleaning and disinfecting. Lower light traps via winch or removal entirely is necessary.
11. Flush water lines with a citric acid solution; 3 packs/gallon of water stock solution through the medicator at 1 oz/gallon setting. Let water stand in lines for 24 hours. After 24 hours, trigger nipples and activate plasons. Let water stand in lines again for 24 hours. Then high-pressure flush the lines with clean water. Ultra-vin can also be used.
12. Cover thermostats and electrical devices prior to wash down with waterproof material.

d. Cleaning

1. Farm Crew will wash the house with plain water
  - i. Wash from the top and work down.
  - ii. Wash ceiling, sidewalls, back-outs, fans, curtains, drinkers, water lines, feeding equipment and feed bins.

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